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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0509

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, LY, AF
SUBJECT: AFGHAN-LIBYAN RELATIONS

REF: TRIPOLI 0309 (NOTAL)

1. DURING RECENT CALL AT OFFICE AFGHAN AMBASSADOR PROVIDED
ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON WHAT HE CALLED DIFFICULTIES OF
DAOUD'S VISIT TO TRIPOLI IN LATE FEBRUARY.

2. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR PACHA GUL, DAOUD WAS SOMEWHAT
TAKEN ABACK BY QADHAFI'S AGGRESSIVE AND CRUDE DEMANDS. FOR
EXAMPLE, QADHAFI SOUGHT AFGHAN SUPPORT IN DISPUTE WITH EGYPT
AND WAS DISAPPOINTED WHEN DAOUD EXPLAINED THAT AFGHANISTAN
WAS UNABLE TO INTERFERE IN INTER-ARAB DISPUTE. QADHAFI THEN
SUGGESTED THAT AFGHANISTAN JOIN WITH PAKISTAN TO PROVIDE AN
ANTI-SOVIET BULWARK IN THAT REGION. DAOUD EXPLAINED TO
QADHAFI'S APPARENT INCOMPREHENSION THAT, AS A NEIGHBOR
OF SOVIET UNION, AFGHANISTAN COULD SCARCELY TAKE AN
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ANTI-SOVIET STAND.

3. DAOUD AND AMBASSADOR PACHA GUL REGARD QADHAFI AS
BASICALLY PRO-PAKISTANI AND WERE UNABLE TO GET A SYMPATHETIC
HEARING FROM HIM ON PUSHTUNISTAN.

4. AFGHAN AMBASSADOR ALSO RELAYED THAT LAST WEEK HE

SUMMONED AT 2 A.M. BY LIBYAN FOREIGN OFFICE TO RECEIVE URGENT MESSAGE FROM QADHAFI TO DAOUD SOLICITING LATTER'S INTERVENTION TO SAVE BHUTTO FROM EXECUTION. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED DAOUD'S ANSWER TO EFFECT THAT AFGHANISTAN HARDLY RIGHT CHOICE TO INFLUENCE INTERNAL PAKISTANI AFFAIRS. FINALLY, AMBASSADOR REPORTED THAT THERE WAS LITTLE REAL HOPE OF LIBYAN LARGESS FOR AFGHANISTAN. ONLY CONCRETE LIBYAN OFFER SO FAR WAS TO BUILD ISLAMIC CENTER WHICH AFGHANISTAN HAS DECLINED.

5. APPARENTLY VISIT ENCOUNTERED MORE THAN PROTOCOL PROBLEMS (REFTTEL) AND ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR LIBYAN-AFGHAN RELATIONS NOT EXPECTED TO FLOURISH.
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